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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits herewith information that the Office may wish to consider in examination of the subject application. Materials submitted for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a. The documents disclosed herewith were cited in an unrelated application relating to similar subject matter.

Applicant submits English abstracts for the foreign patent and patent application documents cited in the attached PTO SB/08 at citation numbers: 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, and 25. Applicant has not been able to locate an English abstract or English equivalent for DE 2502574. The non-patent literature document is also in the German language without English translation. The relevance of these documents is as explained in the preceding paragraph. Finally, Applicant would like to bring the following to the Examiner's attention:

- U.S. Patent No. 5,429,555 is the U.S. equivalent of DE 4317652.

- U.S. Patent No. 6,006,551 is the U.S. equivalent of DE 1965612.

- U.S. Patent No. 5,239,846 is the U.S. equivalent of JP 7-111022.

- U.S. Patent No. 5,628,209 is the U.S. equivalent of JP 8-188942.

This disclosure is being submitted before the mailing of any final office action under §1.113 and is accompanied by the fee set forth in §1.17(p). If any additional fee is required in connection with this submission, please charge the cost thereof to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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